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SUBJ: PRESIDENT THIEU'S NATIONAL DAY SPEECH

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF
A SPEECH GIVEN BY PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU ON THE OCCASION
OF VIETNAMESE NATIONAL DAY NOV 1, 1974. BEGIN TEXT:

2. MY DEAR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN, COMBATANTS AND CADRES,

3. AT THE TIME WHEN THE COMMUNIST AGGRESSORS ARE
INTENSIFYING THEIR MILITARY ATTACKS IN THE FRONTLINE AND,
IN THE REAR, THE UNDERGROUND COMMUNIST CADRES, THE
HENCHMEN OF INTERNATIONAL COLONIALISTS AND PACIFISTS ARE
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MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO CREATE POLITICAL DISTURBANCE AND

NATION-WIDE UNREST WITH A VIEW TO OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT, I APPEAL TO THE WHOLE NATION, AND TO THE ARMY, TO REMAIN CLEARSIGHTED AND VIGILANT MORE THAN EVEN, AND TO BE DETERMINED MORE THAN EVER TO DEFEND THE NATION SO THAT THE FATHERLAND AND THE NATION AND SURVIVE.

4. THEREFORE, THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL DAY MUST BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR PEOPLE AND ARMY IN THE SOUTH TO REASSERT OUR DETERMINATION TO PRESERVE OUR COUNTRY AND RESTORE PEACE IN FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY.

5. MY DEAR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,

6. --I WOULD LIKE TO RECALL HERE THE CONCERN THAT I HAVE OFTEN REFERRED TO--THAT IS, FOR US, THE THING OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE IS NOT TO LET THIS LAND FALL INTO THE COMMUNIST HANDS, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST.

7. --THUS, WHAT I CAN NOW STRONGLY ASSERT IS THAT DURING THE TIME THE PEOPLE HAVE ENTRUSTED ME TO LEAD THE NATION, I HAVE DONE MY BEST AND UTMOST TO PREVENT THE FALL OF OUR COUNTRY INTO THE COMMUNISTS' HANDS.

8. --FOR THIS REASON, SHOULD I RETAIN MY PRESENT FUNCTION FOR JUST ONE HOUR OR ONE MINUTE LONGER, I STILL FEEL IT MY RESPONSIBILITY TO CAUTION YOU AGAINST ALL THAT COULD LEAD TO THE LOSS OF THE NATION--SUCH A LOSS, IN MY OPINION, WOULD BE FINAL: ONCE OUR COUNTRY FALLS INTO THE COMMUNISTS' HANDS, THERE IS NO HOPE WHATSOEVER FOR ITS LIBERATION BY OURSELVES OR BY ANYBODY ELSE.

9. --TODAY, I WARN YOU AGAIN THAT UNLESS WE ARE CAUTIOUS, IT WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE SVN IS LOST TO THE COMMUNISTS. THE EXPERIENCE OF 1972 SHOWS THAT, HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE WHOLE NATION AND THE ENTIRE ARMY FOR ME, HAD I NOT BEEN CLEARSIGHTED, HAD I NOT BEEN COURAGEOUSLY AND ENERGETICALLY FIGHTING AGAINST ACCEPTING THE AGREEMENT SET FORTH BY THE COMMUNISTS ON OCT. 26, 1972, THEN SURELY THIS LAND WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE COMMUNISTS.

10. MY DEAR FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN,
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11. --I WOULD LIKE YOU TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING THREE POINTS:

12. --FIRST, COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM HAS NEVER GIVEN UP THEIR SCHEME TO TAKE OVER THE SOUTH MILITARILY AND BY FORCE WITH A CLEAR-CUT OBJECTIVE TO PLACE BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VN UNDER ONE SINGLE COMMUNIST REGIME RULED BY HANOI.

13. --SECOND, THE POLICY OF COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM IS TO NEVER SERIOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE JAN. 27, 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT'S PROVISION FOR A SPEEDY ELECTION IN THE SOUTH.

14. IF THEY CANNOT ACHIEVE VICTORY BY SHEER FORCE OF ARMS, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO RESORT TO MILITARY FORCE UNTIL THEY GET A COALITION GOVERNMENT. WITH SUCH A GOVERNMENT, THE COMMUNISTS WILL BE FREE TO UNDERMINE THE COUNTRY UNTIL THE TIME IS RIPE TO HOLD A SPURIOUS GENERAL ELECTION TO DECEIVE THE WORLD AND LEGALIZE ITS CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE SOUTH.

15. THIRD, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISTS AND THE SHAM PACIFISTS, THEIR SUBORDINATES, ALONG WITH COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM AND ITS TOOL, THE SO-CALLED NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT, HAVE BEEN DISPENSING ENORMOUS SUMS OF MONEY, AND MAKING UTMOST USE OF THEIR UNDERGROUND CADRES AND LACKEYS WHO MINGLE WITH THE NATIONALISTS, WHO INFILTRATE EVERY POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OF OURS, WHO USE ANY MEANS, RESORT TO EVERY TRICK, TO ANY DISGUISE, WHO CHANGE THEIR MASKS, OLD OR NEW, BUT ALWAYS WITH ONE ONLY PURPOSE; THAT IS, TO DISRUPT

OUR NATIONAL RANKS AND TO BRING INTO BEING THE SO-CALLED "THIRD FORCE" THAT SERVES AS THEIR TOOL TO OVERTHROW OUR CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL GOVERNMENT, TO SET UP A COALITION GOVERNMENT AT FIRST, THEN TO PROPEL THE COMMUNIST TO ACTUALLY RULE SOUTH VN.

16. MY DEAR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,

17. TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN TO YOU THE SO-CALLED "THIRD FORCE" WHICH THE COMMUNISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS
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ARE EXTOLLING. ...

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18. IT IS A POLITICAL INSTRUMENT THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE HAVING A GROUP OF THEIR HENCHMEN IN THE NATIONALIST RANKS SET UP, WHICH THEN, WITH COMMUNIST SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION, WILL BECOME A COALITION GOVERNMENT. NEXT, THE COMMUNISTS IN ALL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN THE FUTURE WITH A VIEW TO FORMING AN ENTIRELY COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT ENCOMPASSING THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, AND JUDICIARY FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO THE HAMLETS AND VILLAGES THROUGHOUTSOUTH VN.

19. THIS ORIGINATED A FEW YEARS AGO FROM THE LABEL OF "THIRD COMPONENT" CREATED BY THE COLONIALISTS IN COLLUSION WITH THE COMMUNISTS. IT HAS A FACADE OF NEUTRALITY BUT IN REALITY IT IS A STRING PULLED BY THE COMMUNISTS WHO AIM AT INCLUDING IT IN THE "TRI-PARTITE COALITION GOVERNMENT" IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH THE COMMUNIST PLANNED IN THE DRAFT PEACE AGREEMENT OF OCT. 26, 1972. THE FELLOWS WHOM THE COMMUNISTS AND THE COLONIALISTS INTENDED TO PUT TOGETHER AS THE THIRD "COMPONENT" UNCLASSIFIED

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INCLUDE COMMUNIST LACKEYS IN THE SOUTH AND POLITICAL PROFITEERS FOSTERED BY THE COLONIALISTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

10. AFTER WE REJECTED THE SO-CALLED "TRI-PARTITE COALITION GOVERNMENT", THERE REMAINED ONLY THE SO-CALLED -THIRD COMPONENT" IN THE COUNCIL OF NATIONL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD PROVIDED FOR BY THE JAN. 27, 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT. BECAUSE THE COMMUNISTS MANEUVERED TO HAVE THE THIRD COMPONENT

MADE UP OF ONLY THEIR HENCHMEN, WHEN WE INSISTED THAT IT MUST BE MADE UP OF PEOPLE AGREED UPON BY US AND THEM JOINTLY, THE COMMUNISTS WERE AT A LOSS AND REJECTED THE PROVISION ALTOGETHER.

21. THE COMMUNISTS KNOW THAT WITH A "THIRD COMPONENT" NOT COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF THEIR LACKEYS, THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD WITH THE DUTIES AND POWERS STIPULATED IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE LIKE A COALITION GOVERNMENT, AND THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR SCHEME.

22. THEY REALIZE THAT THEY MUST SET UP AMONG THE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH A FORCE THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO LEAD; OTHERWISE, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SET UP A COALITION GOVERNMENT THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO DEFEAT THE NATIONALISTS IN ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN THE FUTURE.

23. FOR THIS REASON, THE SHAM PACIFISTS, INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISTS, NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT NOW DISPENSE LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO THEIR UNDERGROUND CADRES AND HENCHMEN IN THE NATIONALIST RANKS TO ORGANIZE--NO MATTER WHAT THE COST--THE SO-CALLED "THIRD FORCE". AT THE SAME TIME THEY PROMISE TO LET THESE

PARTICIPATE IN THEIR FUTURE COALITION GOVERNMENT.

24. SUCH IS THE TRUE NATURE OF THE SO-CALLED "THIRD FORCE" WHICH I HAVE OFTEN CALLED "A 3RD OR 4TH CLASS PUPPET", CREATED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS AFTER THEY CREATED THE SO-CALLED NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT, AND EVEN AFTER THE SO-CALLED "PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY UNCLASSIFIED

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AND PEACE" SET UP DURING TET OF 1968.

25. IN SHORT, ASK YOURSELVES THREE QUESTIONS:

26. FIRST. --AS THE "THIRD FORCE" IS A POLITICAL OFFSPRING OF THE COMMUNISTS AND COLONIALISTS, WILL IT BE POSSIBLE FOR IT NOT TO BE COMMUNIST, AND SERVE THE SUPREME INTERESTS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE?

27. SECOND. --UNTIL NOW, HAS THERE BEEN IN SOUTH VIETNAM ANY PERSON OR ANY ORGANIZATION RESPECTABLE, PARTISAN, WITH A GENUINELY NATIONALIST STAND, HAVING SERIOUS POLITICAL VIEWS AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING THE SURVIVAL OF THE HOMELAND, WHO HAS VOICED HIS SUPPORT OR CAMPAIGNED FOR THIS "THIRD FORCE"? OR IS THERE ONLY A

MINORITY OF POLITICAL OPPORTUNISTS AND PROFITEERS, AND SOME
LACKEYS WHO HAVE OVERTLY ACCEPTED MONEY FROM THE COLONIALISTS
AND COMMUNISTS TO ENCOURAGE THAT FORCE?

28. THIRD. --IF THOSE WHO CREATE THE "THIRD FORCE" ARGUE
THAT THEY HAVE DONE SO TO FORCE THE COMMUNISTS TO IMPLEMENT
THE AGREEMENT, TO RESTORE PEACE, THEN ASK THEM WHY, IF
THEY WANT TO COMPEL THE COMMUNISTS TO IMPLEMENT THE PEACE,
DON'T THEY JOIN THE RANKS OF THE BULK OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE
PEOPLE, MAKE USE OF THE STRENGTH OF THE ENTIRE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND ARMY, AND SO, UNITED IN HEART AND
MIND, FORCE THE COMMUNISTS TO IMPLEMENT THE PEACE INSTEAD
OF SETTING UP A FORCE BEARING A NAME CHOSEN BY THE
COMMUNISTS.

WOM AANOW THEY MAY CLAIM THAT THEIR "THIRD FORCE" IS
TRULY NATIONALIST, BUT THE COMMUNISTS WILL NEVER ACCEPT
ANYTHING FROM THE NATIONALISTS THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE
TO MANAGE OR ANYTHING THAT IS NOT A TOOL OF THEIRS.

30. --THUS, I WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO ONE POINT:
THE DAY THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VN UNINTENTIONALLY LEND A HAND
TO OR ALLOW THE "THIRD FORCE" TO COME INTO BEING, THAT WILL BE
THE DAY A COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH THE COMMUNISTS IN THE SOUTH
IS ABOUT TO BE SET UP. THEREAFTER, IT WILL NOT BE LONG
BEFORE THE COMMUNISTS IMPOSE THEIR RULE UPON SOUTH VIETNAM
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31. MY DEAR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,

32. --TO ACHIEVE THEIR PLANS THAT I HAVE JUST EXPOUNDED,
THE COMMUNISTS WILL RESORT TO MAXIMUM MILITARY VIOLENCE
AND MULTIPLY THEIR ACTS OF TERRORISM AND SABOTAGE, WITH HALF
A MILLION NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN
A SOUTH RECEIVING
DAILY REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE NORTH AND WITH LAVISH
MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA.

33. --THEREFORE, IN THE FORCOMING DAYS, WE SHALL SEE THE
COMMUNIST LAUNCH STRONGER MILITARY ATTACKS AND IF POSSIBLE,
THEY WILL LAUNCH A SUMMER 1972-STYLE GENERAL OFFENSIVE.
THEY WILL INTENSIFY THEIR TERRORIST AND SABOTAGE ACTS.
IN THE MEANTIME, THEIR UNDERGROUND CADRES AND HENCHMEN
WILL ATTEMPT TO CREAT POLITICAL UNREST, DISRUPT THE
PEOPLE'S DAILY ACTIVITIES, AND EVER MORE INCITE THE MASSES
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TO TAKE PART IN RIOTS TO OVERTHROW THE REGIME.

34. MY DEAR FELLOW COUNTRYMAN,

35. --FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DO NOT HAVE MUCH TIME TO DEVOTE
TO POLITICS BUT WHO HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE DEDICATION
TO NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THEIR LEADERS, GOVERNMENT AND ARMY;
FOR THEM WHAT I HAVE SAID IS MEANT TO ONCE AGAIN WARN THEM
AGAINST ALLOWING THEMSELVES TO BE POISONED AND LURED INTO THE TRAP
OF THE COMMUNISTS AND THEIR HENCHMEN.

36. --AS FOR THE COMMUNISTS, COLONIALISTS, SHAM PACIFISTS
AND PEOPLE WHO, WITTINGLY OR UNWITTINGLY, WORK WITH THE COLONIA-
LISTS AND COMMUNISTS FOR MONEY OR FOR PROMISED POSTS IN THE COA-
LITION GOVERNMENT, , I WANT TO TELL THEM THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND

THE LAGRE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE AND ARMY OF THE SOUTH HAVE SEEN CLEARLY WHAT THEY ARE UP TO, WHAT THEY ARE DOING. LET THEM NOT THINK MISTAKENLY THAT A "HUNDRED FLOWERS" OPPORTUNITY HAS COME AND THAT THEIR SCHEME TO OVERTHROW THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM FOR A COMMUNIST REGIME WILL SUCCEED.

37. --THAT CATEGORY OF PEOPLE INCLUDES FELLOWS ALL TOO FAMILIAR AND DISGUSTING TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND WHO CAN BE COUNTED ON ONE'S FINGERS. EVERYONE KNOWS WHICH TEND-ORGANIZATION PAYS THEM. NOW NEW FACES ARE ADDED TO THEM WHO HAVE ENCY THEY BELONG TO, WHICH/RECENTLY BEEN LURAD AND BOUGHT OVER BY THE COMMUNISTS AND THE COLONIALISTS. THEY HAVE BLATANTLY EXPLOITED THE OVERALL JUST AND NOBLE DEMANDS OF THE MASSES; THEY HIDE THEMSELVES BEHIND THE MASSES, WHO HAVE NO POLITICAL AMBITIONS, IN ORDER TO LEAD THEM TOWARD THEIR OWN PERSONAL DISHONEST POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. THEY INCITE THE PEOPLE TO RISE AND OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT AND THE REGIME, TO GIVE A HELPING HAND TO THE COMMUNISTS AND COLONIALISTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR SCHEME OF A COALITION AND CGNTROL OF THE COUNTRY SO THAT IN RETURN THEY CAN DRAW FAVORS FROM THE COLONIALISTS AND THE COMMUNISTS.

38. --THE PEOPLE AND ARMY OF THE SOUTH WILL CERTAINLY NOT ALLOW THOSE PEOPLE TO CARRY OUT THEIR SCHEME AND WILL NO DOUBT PREVENT THEM IN TIME.
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EOM MY DEAR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,

40. --THE MORE WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE COMMUNISTS ADVOCATE AND WHAT THEY PLAN TO DO IN THE FORTHCOMING DAYS; THE MORE WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE UNDERGROUND CADRES AND HENCHMEN OF THE COMMUNISTS ARE UP TO AND WHAT THEY WILL DO IN THE FOURTHCOMING DAYS; THE MORE IMPORTANT IT IS THAT THE PEOPLE AND ARMY OF SOUTH VN NOT SIT STILL WAITING TO BE KILLED BY THE COMMUNISTS NOR ALLOW THOSE PEOPLE TO SELL OUT THE NATION TO THE COMMUNISTS.

41. --THEREFORE, TO MEET THE NEEDS IN THE FRONTLINE, THE RVN ARMED FORCES HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLEANSSED AND IMPORVED IN ALL RESPECTS TO MAKE THEM SOUND AND EFFICIENT WITH A VIEW TO CRUSHING THE CURRENT COMMUNIST ATTACKS AND PREVENTING THE COMMUNISTS FROM CARRYING OUT A 1972 SUMMER-TYPE OFFENSIVE IN THE MONTHS TO COME.

42. IN THE REAR, THE GOVERNMENT IS BEING REORGANIZED TO BETTER SERVE THE PEOPLE. PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO EFFICIENTLY SOLVE PROBLEMS CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AS I STATED ON OCT. 1.

43. ERADICATION OF CORRUPTION, PERSONNEL REFORM, IMPROVEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES TO GIVE GREATER EFFICIENCY TO THE GOVERNMENTAW MACHINERY AND TO CLEAN THE RANKS OF NATIONAL CADRES FROM THE CENTRAL LEVEL TO THE VILLAGES AND HAMLETS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND CIVIL SERVICE REFORM--ALL THIS IS IN PROGRESS AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF THIS YEAR, AS I SAID LAST OCT. 1. THE AIM IS TO PROVIDE HELP AND SERVICE TO THE RURAL PEOPLE EFFECTIVELY AND PROPERLY, WITHIN NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

44. TO MEET THE POLITICAL NEEDS OF THIS ELECTION YEAR, TO ADAPT TO THE CHANGES FROM THE 1972 SITUATION AND IN A LIBERAL AND DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT, THE TWO SETS OF REGULATIONS CONCERNING POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE PRESS WILL BE REVISED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIS MONTH.

45. TO SATISFY THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE ARMY
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FOR A BETTER SOCIETY AND FOR THE ERADICATION OF SOCIAL VICES, THE GOVERNMENT--ALTHOUGH IT IS ALREADY DOING THESE THINGS-- NEEDS THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF PEOPLE WITH GOOD WILL, A GENEROUS HEART, RESPONSIBILITY AND A CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE.

46. I HAVE SAID THAT A SOCIETY IS NOT MADE UP OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE ARMY, CIVIL-SERVANTS AND CADRES ONLY BUT IT ALSO INCLUDES PEOPLE OF ALL SOCIAL STRATA, RELIGIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS...AND SOCIAL VICES DO NOT NECESSARILY MEAN CORRUPTION IN THE GOVERNMENT ONLY.

RUM AATHEREFORE, TO REFORM SOCIETY MEANS TO ERADICATE ALL VICES IN ADDITION TO CORRUPTION, TO REFORM EVERYBODY, EVERY ORGANIZATION, EVERY SECTION, EVERY COMMUNITY NOT ONLY IN THE GOVERNMENT, THE ARMY, THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIARY BUT IN VARIOUS SOCIAL CLASSES, ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITIES AND RELIGIONS, ETC.

48. --IS THERE ANYONE WHO DARES CLAIM HIMSELF A PERFECT AND HONEST MAN?

49. --BUT IF EVERYONE ENDEAVOURS TO CORRECT HIMSELF, HIS SMALL ENTOURAGE AND HIS BIGGER COMMUNITY, AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE COMMON CORRECTION OF HIS NATION AND SOCIETY, THEN ALL OF US WILL BE DOING SOMETHING GOOD AND NECESSARY. ONLY BY WORKING TOGETHER THOROUGHLY CAN WE HOPE TO PROGRESS TOWARDS SUCCESS.

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50. --AS LONG AS THE FAIR ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE AND OF THE ARMY ARE BEING EXPLOITED AND USE AS A SHIELD FOR A PRETENSE OF ERADICATION OF VICES AND CORRUPTION, WHICH IN FACT IS AN ACT OF DEFAMATION AND LIBEL AGAINST A RIVAL FOR PERSONAL POLITICAL AMBITION, FOR PARTISAN PURPOSES, OR AGAINST ANTI-COMMUNIST NATIONALISTS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE POLITICAL SCHEMES OF THE COMMUNISTS AND COLONIALISTS TO WIPE OUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REGIME OF SOUTH VN AND TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A COALITION GOVERNMENT OR A COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER--THEN THIS IS AN UTTERLY DIFFERENT MATTER.

51. THUS, TODAY I SINCERELY AND CORDIALLY APPEAL TO ALL RELIGIOUS LEADERS, ALL LEADERS OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, TO ELECTED OFFICIALS, TO THE NOTABLES AT THE CENTRAL AND LOCAL LEVELS WHO WANT TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT REFORM THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE PEOPLE TO HELP ME AND THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES. LET US COOPERATE

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WITH EACH OTHER, CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVE VIEWPOINTS, PLAN CONSTRUCTIVE WORKS, AND PRESENT EFFECTIVE MEASURES. WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE, THE GIGANTIC TASK OF REFORMING OUR SOCIETY BE THE ENTIRE COUNTRY AND ARMY WILL SOON PRODUCE THE EXPECTED RESULTS.

52. I CALL IT A GIGANTIC TASK OF THE WHOLE NATION AND ARMY BECAUSE EVERYONE MUST AGREE THAT SOCIAL REFORM AND ERADICATION OF SOCIAL VICES IN A COUNTRY WHICH WAS UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION AND HAS UNDERGONE 30 YEARS OF WAR, SABOTAGE AND THE PRESENT COMMON ECONOMIC CRISIS, ARE NOT AN EASY TASK WHICH CAN BE COMPLETED IN A DAY OR A MONTH. TO ELIMINATE A NUMBER OF KNOWN OR PROVEN CORRUPT PEOPLE, EVEN IF THEY WORK FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, IS NOT ENOUGH, IT IS ONLY ONE OUT OF THOUSANDS OF MEASURES. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS NECESSARY TO PROCEED FROM EACH UNIT UP THROUGH THE VERY SYSTEM OF THE GOVERNMENT'S APPARATUS, TO SUPERVISE, TO EDUCATE, TO BUILD UP THE SPIRIT OF EACH PERSON IN A LASTING WAY.

53. MY DEAR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,

54. --TO PREVENT THE COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM, THE PEOPLE AND ARMY OF SOUTH VIETNAM MUST BE STRONG.

55. --TO DEFEAT THE COMMUNISTS MILITARILY WE MUST HAVE READY A STRONGER MILITARY FORCE FROM ALL POINTS OF VIEW.

56. --TO DEFEAT THE COMMUNISTS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, WE MUST BUILD AND DEVELOP THE NATIONAL ECONOMY RAPIDLY WITH OUR NATURAL RESOURCES WHICH ARE PLentiful AND MORE ABUNDANT THAN THOSE OF NORTH VIETNAM.

57. --TO DEFEAT THE COMMUNISTS SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY, WE MUST HAVE A SOUND SOCIETY AND THE WHOLE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE MUST UNITE INTO A SINGLE FORCE, THAT IS THE FORCE OF ALL NATIONALISTS WHO REFUSE COMMUNISM AND DO NOT ALLOW COMMUNIZATION OF SOUTH VN.

58. SUCH IS THE STRENGTH NECESSARY TO THE SOUTH THAT I CALL UPON ALL OF YOU TO JOIN EFFORTS TO BUILD IT WITH THE DETERMINATION TO PRESERVE THE FATHERLAND AND ENDOW IT WITH PEACE IN FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY.

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TOM IF WE, THE NATIONALISTS, ARE UNABLE TO PROTECT SOUTH VIETNAM, THEN IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE PEACE IN FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY. BUT THERE WILL BE ONLY A COMMUNIST-STYLE PEACE IN SLAVERY AND POVERTY.

60. DO YOU, THE PEOPLE, THINK THAT:

61. --TO TOPPLE THE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REGIME OF THE SOUTH IS TO GAIN MORE STRENGTH TO DEMAND THE COMMUNISTS TO STOP THEIR AGGRESSION, TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS TO THE NORTH, AND TO GIVE US PEACE? SURELY NOT.

62. DO YOU, THE PEOPLE, THINK THAT...

63. --TO CREATE A "THIRD", "FOURTH FORCE" TO BACK THE COMMUNISTS IN FORMING A COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE US THE PEACE WE HAVE YEARNED FOR SO LONG? SURELY NOT.

64. DO YOU, THE PEOPLE, THINK THAT...

65. --TO ALLOW UNDERGROUND COMMUNIST CADRES AND A BUNCH OF COMMUNIST AND COLONIALIST HENCHMEN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PEOPLE'S LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS TO INCITE THE PEOPLE TO CREATE POLITICAL UNREST BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNISTS, IS THE WAY TO ERADICATE SOCIAL VICES? SURELY NOT.

66. DO YOU, THE PEOPLE, THINK THAT...

67. --DEMONSTRATIONS, VIOLENCE, FIRES, DISRUPTION OF PUBLIC SECURITY AND ORDER, DISTURBANCE OF THE PEOPLE'S DAILY LIFE, CREATION OF GREATER DIFFICULTIES FOR THE PEOPLE'S ALREADY DIFFICULT LIFE, HELP THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE TO QUIETLY IMPLEMENT SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES AND TO REDRESS SOCIETY? SURELY NOT.

68. DO YOU, THE PEOPLE, THINK THAT...

69. --TO ALLOW A BUNCH OF PERSONS TO EXPLOIT PRESS FREEDOM AND DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES TO PROPAGATE GROUNDLESS NEWS, TO CREATE RELIGIOUS DIVISIONS AND LOCAL DISCRIMINATIONS, TO DEFAME DELIBERATELY ANTI-COMMUNIST NATIONALISTS, TO DIVIDE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONALISTS IN THE SOUTH, TO SLANDER THE GOVERNMENT, TO CALUMNIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, TO DEMORALIZE THE SOLDIERS IN THE FRONT LINE, TO UNDERMINE THE ECONOMY IN THE REAR, TO FRIGHTEN FOREIGN INVESTORS TO PARALYZE NATIONAL ECONOMY, TO KEEP THE WORLD FROM HELPING THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE--DO YOU THINK THAT ALL OF THESE HELP MAKE US MORE POWERFUL TO DEFEAT THE COMMUNIST AGGRESSORS? SURELY NOT.

70. MY DEAR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,

71. WE FIGHT AND STRUGGLE FOR THE RESTORATION OF PEACE. WE

MUST FIGHT AND STRUGGLE WITH STRENGTH, BY WAY OF STRENGTH IN ALL ASPECTS, BEFORE THE COMMUNISTS WILL AGREE TO MAKE PEACE WITH US. THE COMMUNISTS NEVER OFFER PEACE TO WEAK PEOPLE. WEAKNESS ONLY ENCOURAGES AND HELPS THE COMMUNISTS TO PROMPTLY TAKE OVER.

72. TO CONCLUDE MY TALK ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL DAY, ONCE AGAIN, I APPEAL TO YOU TO REMAIN VIGILANT AND CLEAR-SIGHTED MORE THAN EVER, TO UNMASK THE TRAITORS WHO SELL OUT OUR COUNTRY, TO KEEP AWAY FROM ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES, INSTIGATIONS AND TRAPS THAT AIM AT DISTURBING THE COUNTRY, SABOTAGING THE NATIONALIST RANKS AND UNDERMINING THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE AND ARMED FORCES, CAUSING POLITICAL UNREST, DISRUPTING SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER, AND CREATING DIFFICULTIES FOR THE PEOPLE IN THEIR DAILY LIFE AND ULTIMATELY ATTEMPTING TO GIVE THE COMMUNISTS A HAND TO QUICKLY TAKE OVER THE SOUTH.

73. I CALL ON THE PEOPLE OF ALL SOCIAL STRATA WHO HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT, GOODWILL AND DEDICATION TO SOCIETY AND SOCIAL VICES AND ERADICATION OF CORRUPTION TO HELP ME BY CONTRIBUTING CONSTRUCTIVE OPINIONS, CONCRETE PROPOSALS AND REALISTIC ACTS; TO HELP ME, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO SEE THINGS CLEARLY.

74. AS A NATIONAL LEADER WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY ENTRUSTED ME BY THE PEOPLE, I REAFFIRM THAT I AM DETERMINED TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY, THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL GOVERNMENT, TO PRESERVE THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS, TO PROTECT LAWFUL DEMOCRACY, THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE ARMY AND THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE. THE GOVERNMENT WILL THUS PRESERVE SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER TO THE MAXIMUM AND EFFECTIVELY PROTECT THE LIVES AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE.

75. THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF THE PEOPLE.

76. I HAVE OFTEN SAID:

77. SHOULD THIS COUNTRY FALL INTO THE COMMUNISTS' HANDS, NONE OF US WOULD REMAIN ALIVE AND THERE WOULD BE NO FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN.

78. THERE IS LEFT TO US ONLY FREE SOUTH VIETNAM WHERE WE CAN LIVE, AND LIVE WITH HUMAN DIGNITY. WE HAVE NO OTHER, GREATER AND SOUNDER INTEREST TO EXCHANGE WITH ANYBODY. WE HAVE ONLY INDEPENDENCE, FREEDOM, MATERIAL SUFFICIENCY AND THE RIGHT TO LIVE OF HUMAN BEINGS. THESE ARE THE MINIMUM THAT MUST BE PROTECTED; THEY CANNOT BE SACRIFICED OF EXCHANGED.

79. WE OURSELVES MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OR SURVIVAL OF SOUTH VN AND THE HALF OF OUR PEOPLE WHO REMAIN.

80. NO ONE CAN REPLACE US. NO ONE WILL SHOULDER THIS RESPONSIBILITY. NO ONE WILL ACCEPT THIS RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE HISTORY AND OUR CHILDREN. WE ARE THE ONLY ONES AT THE PRESENT TIME. THEREFORE, LET US WORK FOR OUR FATHERLAND, FOR THE NATION, AND FOR OUR PROGENY. LET US NOT DO ANYTHING THAT OTHER PEOPLE INSTIGATE US TO DO.

81. I OFTEN SAID:

82. WHETHER I AM PRESIDENT OR NOT IS NOT AN IMPORTANT MATTER. THE MOST IMPORANT MATTER IS THAT THE SOUTH MUST BE IN NATIONALIST HANDS.

83. THERE IS LESS THAN A YEAR TO GO BEFORE YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT A NEW LEADER FOR THE COUNTRY. THEN YOU WILL BE ENTIRELY FREE WITH YOUR FREE AND DEMOCRATIC VOTE TO CHOOSE A LEADER WHO GENUINELY LOVES THIS COUNTRY, WHO HAS THE COURAGE TO FIGHT AND PRESERVE SOUTH VN FROM FALLING INTO COMMUNIST HANDS. SO, PLEASE DO NOT WORRY ABOUT ME FROM NOW ON. THE THING THE PEOPLE SHOULD WORRY ABOUT IS, IF ALL THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMUNISTS WANT IS ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE, THEN WILL THIS COUNTRY STILL EXIST?

84. FOR THE PAST 7 YEARS, YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED ME WITH THE MISSION OF DEFENDING THE NATION, I HAVE THE DUTY TO KEEP YOU VIGILANT AND I AM DETERMINED TO FULFILL THE MISSION ENTRUSTED ME BY YOU. THANK YOU. END TEXT.
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